

A General Epistle to all Friends.

ALL my dear Friends, and Brethren who are of the Royal Seed of God, patience obtaine the victory that runs the race; and obtaines the Crown, and be married and joynd to the Seed Christ the Lamb slain from the Foundation of the World, from its foundation I say. Therefore as you are joynd to the Seed and married to that which hath been slain from the foundation of the world which hath the victory, and doth overcome; by which you come to the end of the world, make to its end. And now all friends look upon the sufferings that hath been since the Fall and since the world began; And again look upon the Valiant Prisoners and such as stood with the Lord and for the Lord; and followed, and obeyed his movings; and motions, and Commands with victories they had; how they triumphed in the Lord over that which was against the Lord, for by Faith Abraham forsook his Country, and his Fathers house, and his national worship. And by Faith Isaac offered his Offering accepted of God, unto whom God had spoken; Therefore did wicked Cain persecute, and kill him about his Religion; and this was not long after man was fallen from the righteousness and the power, and the Image of God which man was made in. And by the Faith, and the power, and wisdom of God did Moses go down and speak to Pharaoh the King of Egypt, and through the power and Hand and Arm of God lead them out of Egypt, which signifies misery, Thraldom, and Bondage thereby, afterwards when they were come out, and had tasted the power of God; many fell. And Moses saw Christ the great Prophet that was to come, which was to build his House (as Moses by the willdome of God had done him in the time of the Law; with Types, Figures, and Shadows) and so look upon Moses how he conquered all the Magicians, and comprehended all the Sorcerers; and Southsayers, and *Ethiops* Religion and their worship, and could not bow nor bend unto it.

Look upon *Isaiah* who through the enemy in his Brethren was sold into Egypt, who underwent reproach and imprisonment, unto whom God gave power over all as *Moses*, and overbowed all the Wise men and

the national Worshippers in *Egypt*, and came in favour over them all by the power of God: And remember *Abraham* who was in the Faith and the Fear of God, and how ~~often~~ ^{often} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~house~~ ^{house} for his sake was plighted. Therefore keep in the faith of *Abraham*; then who wrongs you the hand of the Lord will turne against them, and whilest they stood in the power of God what victories they had over their Enemies, as instance *Samson*, *David*, and *Saul*. But when any were from the Command of God, how under the Heavens they fell. So now ye who are come to Gods power, which goes over the power of darkness, and before it was, in that stand, triumph, and example who are come to the land of carnal weapons and striving with outward Enemies; And yet may look upon them how valliant they were over the *Philistines* both *Samson* and *David*, and his mighty men when they were in the power of God, and how *David* three mighty men, broke through a whole Host to fetch water to refresh the Seed (*David*;) Therefore now ye in the power of the Lord (and the mighty God) which goes over all the *Philistines* of the Earth with Carnal weapons as there they in the time of the Law did with Carnal weapons. And how often *Jacob* Well was stopped up (the beloved of God the second birth,) by the *Philistines*, but *Jacob* did thresh the Mountains, as he did arise, and drove them away by which he might think again. So read this in the substance who overcome the second birth, that goes over *Esau* and the *Philistines* both before they were; And also remember how the Prophets were Imprisoned, and put in Dungeons, and Stocks, &c. As in particular *Jeremiah*, and how they were knocked, and scoffed at, and reproached for declaring against the sins, and wickedness of the times, both by Rulers, Teachers, and people; and yet by the power of God they were carried through, and over all: and the Cry was then Cursed is he that puts his trust in man, or feared man, or the Arme of Flesh, &c.

So remember *Daniel*, and the three Children though Prisoners, yet could not bow to the National worship, and so were cast into the fiery Furnace, and the Den of Lyons, whom the Lord God gave Dominion over their Enemies, and confounded the National worshippers, with all the Magicians, and made the King to change his Decree, and Law; and this was in the Babylonish Monarchy; and when the *Mede* and *Persians* got up, the power was changed, then they cast *Daniel* into the Den of Lyons because he prayed to his God contrary to the Kings Decree, to whom God appeared again and confounded them all, and made

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the King or Emperour to change his Decree, Therefore to keep faith in the power of God; for that is it by which the Elders of old obtained a good report. And consider *Moses* who stood faithful and could not bow to proud flesh though it was in danger of destroying all the *Jews*, whom through obedience to God he gave him victory by which he came to answer the good will people. Now consider they that came to profess Christ who was the Substance before the Types, figures, and shadows which were held up by the *Jews* in the Law and first Covenant and Priesthood and Ordinances (which Christ the Substance came to end) how that I say the Christians of old by that kinde of people the *Jews* as you do now suffer the most, and have done by them that are the greatest professors of Christs words, but out of the life and power of Christ, and the Apostles and Saints were in, in the Primitive times.

So it is no new thing, and as *Solomon* saith here is no new thing under the Sun, for it is not a new thing for the birth that is born after the flesh to persecute the birth that is born after the Spirit; And look upon the Apostles and consider how they suffered (and by whom) that bore testimony to the Substance, their sufferings were by such as were in the husks, shadows, inventions, and rudiments of the world, and such as were fallen from Gods righteousness, Image and hotiness, and not in the renewed State. And consider how that the *Hebrews* suffered the spoiling of their goods by the *Hebrews* who were called *Jews*, as ye may read it in the Epistle to the *Hebrews*, for ye read in few of the Epistles that the *Gentiles* suffered the spoiling of their goods (or the *Christians* by the *Gentiles*), but by the *Jews* the great professors as you do and have done in these days.

And consider how the Witness hath been slain and (the true Church) the woman went into the Wilderness, fled, who was persecuted, and how she hath been fed there of God, and how since that time the Beast and Dragons worship hath been up and the false Prophet, and the Whore (the false Church) which hath Riden on the Beast in the Dragons power whom the people have worshipped; who hath caused all Nations to drink of the Whores Cup of Fornication; Now you that have appeared in the end and behinde all the Worships of the Beast, and after the Worship of the Dragon, who comes now to fathom the Whore (the false Church) and the false Prophets, and comes to see the power, and to feel it, and to be in it that takes them and cast them alive into the Lake of fire (which hath been worshipped) and burns the Whores flesh with

first, which power gives them Dominion over them all to see to the re-
 volutionary day when they were in, and what hath got up since, for it is
 above sixteen hundred years since the false Prophets, and Antichrists
 came in (therefore they may plead Antiquity,) Now with the power
 of God, ye may see how they have played in the world since the
 primitive times in the Apostacy: But now is the Bride coming up out of
 the wilderness, and the Prophet is risen and arising that the everlast-
 ing Gospel shall be, and is preached again to all Nations, Kindreds,
 Tongues, and peoples; and they that dwell upon the Earth; and the
 Reapers are going forth to reap people down and up to God, and
 bring them into the Barn, and to gather the Wheat into the Garner.
 And people shall come to worship God that made Heaven and Earth,
 the Sea and all that are therein; the Beasts Worship is falling, and Dra-
 gons Worship, and the great Whores Church is falling. (the true woman
 is coming up) false Prophets are falling, true Prophets and true Witnes-
 ses rising, and rising, sing triumph and rejoyce, glory in the highest,
 tramplest tread, and bow before the mighty God: Let the wicked bow
 before the gates of the Righteous, sing and rejoyce, the Heaven of Hea-
 vens praise the Lord. Now as the Dragons Worship, Beast, false
 Church, false Prophets taken, the old Dragon cast into the Lake of
 fire; (and with him the false Prophets) and the flesh of the Whore
 burnt, Reap out, reap out, reap out I say (with the power of God)
 ye Reapers unto the Lord, for here is the day of Harvest, for as the
 other falls the day of Harvest is known, a day of gathering, for it is that
 which hath inwardly ravened, that hath scattered. For the inwardly
 ravens, the Wolves in Sheeps cloathing, whose fruits have been Briers
 & Thorns and Thistles, are them which have made up the false Church,
 the Whore, the false Prophets, and the Beasts worship, and the Dra-
 gons worship out of the truth, which have made the world like a Wil-
 derness, overgrown with Thistles, Thorns, and Briers, in which lodg-
 eth the Wolves and Dragons, which the beginning of this ravening into
 this state was a matter of sixteen hundred years since, amongst whom is
 found the blood of the Martyrs, Prophets, and Saints in the faith,
 and in the Testimony of Jesus; in this dark night of Apostacy, sepa-
 ration degeneration, with all their compelling Worships, inventions,
 Laws, Traditions, Churches rudiments to be observed, and Cups for
 people to drink; in the In (I say) and amongst these have the Righteous
 suffered since the days of the Apostles: and amongst them is the blood of the

the Martyrs, and the Prophets, and holy people of the Royal seed sould, and by them have they all suffered, and from amongst them will God fetch his Royal seed with his own hand, and with his mighty power will he fetch it; Glory over all, to him rejoyce and sing praises, who is now triumphing gloriously, and bringing ye over with his power, that ye might see to the beginning before man fell, and know the state of the *Jews* in the Law, and the state of the *Christians* in the end of the Law, and the state of the Apostatized pretended *Christians* since the Apostles days out of both Law and Gospel, how they have gotten up and in what they have lived out of the life, and power the Apostles were in, and Christ Jesus who is the first, and the last, the top, and Corner stone who is over all felt, and lyes heavy upon the Transgressors, who is the Rock upon which the Lambs, leaps, and skips; him all feel in you all then ye may all feel the first and the last, who destroys the Devil and his works (which are imperfect) whose works are Persecution and Murder, and Banishment, and Cruelty, and Imprisonment: For the Devil shall cast some into Prison saith *Iohn* in the *Revelations*, and the Devil was a murderer from the beginning, and a Lye, whom Christ destroys, and his works who was before he was, and remaines when he is destroyed and gone, and his works.

Therefore in him (the seed) have ye life eternal. and in him meet together, and then ye are in the Pastures of life, who is the first and the last, who is over Death and the power of it, and the Pastures of Death; So who be in this Royal seed comprehends the state and time before the Law, the time of the Law, the time of *Christians*, and the time of the Apostacy; for the seed Christ is the first and the last, the beginning & the ending, and in the seed is the staydoes, and the plainness of words and life, (yet a mystery to all them that be out of it.) And comprehends and sees the state of the sufferings before the Law of the just, the state of the sufferings of the just in the Law, by whom and for what they suffered, and also comprehends the state of the *Christians* who lived in the end of the Law, in Christ the substance, and by whom they suffered and for what; even by such as were the greatest Professors, out of the life of *Moses* and the Prophets, which had they been in it they would have read Christ the Substance, and all them that testified of him, and were witnesses of him, And also comprehends the state and sees who are them that are Apostatized from the Apostles and the Church in the

Primitive times, who have been the sufferers, and who it is that hath made them to suffer, and for what.

So the measuring Line of Righteousness is in this known, and also the state now wherein the Lambs and the Saints shall have the victory; and the rising of the witnesses, and the Prophets, and the Reapers going forth to reap the earth, and the womans coming out of the Wilderness, and the worshiping of God that made Heaven and Earth, the Sea and the dry Land; and the destruction of the Devils worship, and Dragons, and the false Prophets, and the great Whore (the false Church) and the Saints shall Reign, and the Lambs shall have victory, and the Kid the Lambs wife shall be known, (which is the true Church which Christ is the head of,) So in this live that is in the life and power of Christ in Christ the Substance in which ye may know the first & the last, and the Gospel fellowship which is preached again, which Gospel is the power of God which brings before the power of darkness was, which hath darkned life and immortallity from people in which power, life, and immortallity comes to be brought to light again to people in which power of God is the fellowship, which is a mystery. So wate to know every particular of your selves, to be heires of this, and know your portion, the power of God, the Gospel fellowship, then are ye Members one of another, and living stones that build up the Spiritual househould; And also know the Cross of Christ, which is the power of God, which Crucifies from the state in the fall, and the Apostacy from that state, I say that *Adam* and *Eve* and all their Sons and Daughters are in, in the fall wherein that state they glory in the Creatures, and in their shame, and in their Inventions, or in their Strength, Wisdome, Riches. But the glorying in the Cross of Christ the power of God, the glorying is in that which doth Crucifie from the state of *Adam* and *Eve*, and all their Sons and daughters in the fall, and from that state all the Apostate Christians be in since the Apostles; and in this power of God is everlasting gloryings, which is a Cross to all that lives as I said before, in the Apostacy, and in the fall, but not a Cross to them that be redeemed, and Crucified, for their glorying stands in it which is over all the gloryings in the fall, and all Creatures. So in the power of the Lord God, meer, waite, live, and dwell, and have fellowship, for in the power Christ lives: Therefore now you that are come to know the Gospel preached again which was amongst the Apostles, in which power of God you feel before the fall of *Adam* and *Eve*, where all things were good

good and blest in the beginning before the fall; which after the fall, the Curse came which brought the woe and misery: So you that feel the Redemption out of the fall, by which you know the state of the blessing before the fall, how all things were good and blessed, and come into the same power that brings you up before the fall, and brings you to be gathered in the Name of Jesus, which is above every Name, and gathered into the Name of Jesus, by which Salvation is brought, and there is no other name under Heaven given by which Salvation is brought but by the Name of Jesus. So ye being gathered in the Name which is above every name, and also into the Name by which Salvation is brought, and by no other name; in that waite, and meet, and keep together, so ye will feel the blessing of the Lord in you, and amongst you so farwel.

And consider how the Servants of the Lord, and his Royal people, and Prophets, feared not flames, feared not Dens of Lyons, or Dragons, heeded not Prisonmentes, Bonds, Banishments, whips nor Scourgings, nor spoiling of their goods, and their tortures, nor feared not their Saws of being sawed asunder, nor their Stocks, their Clubs and Staves, nor Persecution; but chose rather to suffer reproach with the people of God, then to enjoy the pleasures of Sin for a season: and how that reproaches, slanders, vilifying words they regarded not, but trampled upon such, and said the sufferings were not to be valued with the Excellency and riches of grace, which they were made partakers of. And the cry was what shall separate us from the Love of God, which we have in Christ Jesus, shall Death, shall Famine, or Sword, or Persecution, or Cold, or Nakedness, or Things present, or Things to come, or Height, or Depth, or Angels, or Men, or Principallities, or Powers separate us from the Love of God &c. For by the powers were all the National Worships held up as they are at this day, which the false Prophets, the Teachers, and the powers joyned together then against them that were in the Faith, by which faith they overcame, and said there was not any thing that was able to separate them from the Love of God which they had in Christ Jesus, make Christ the seed who destroys the Devil and his works; in which seed (Christ) ye come over the Devil the Author of all Prisoning, Persecuting, Darkness, Ungodliness, Unrighteousness, Unholiness; Christ who doth subdue all things to himself; whose Kingdome is an everlasting Kingdome, and Dominion, an everlasting Dominion over all Dominions: And in this Kingdome

Kingdome, and Dominion have ye all peace where no unrighteous thing enters: And so in this ye come to be a free people in life, and power, and Dominion; And there is no new thing under the Sun, for the wicked cryes, light is darkness yet (as of old time) and calls good evil, and evil good, and truth error, and cryes up the false Teachers, and Prophets, for the true and false Church and worship, and the feigned humility for the true, and the blind zeal for the good, and true zeal, now as in former days, and so it is the old Enemy of mankind, and his works which the seed destroys, who Raignes Glory for ever to the Highest.

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FRRIENDS, all outward things figures, Types, Shadowes, and inventions have been set up since Adam fell, which invention Christ destroys, and the Types, Figures and shadowes of him fulfils, and brings man up out of the fall to the state he was in before he fell, and so in the power of God in peace, love, and unity, and into the everlasting fellowship. Cain differed from Abel in matter of worship, Abraham from his own Countrymen and Nation: Likewise in matters of worship, Moses and the children differed from the Egyptians, and the Canaanites and other nations in matter of worship. Yet after the children of Israel were brought out of Egypt by the power of God, how soon after did they set up a calf an outward thing? Therefore in the power of God keep over all things, and in his wisdom: And how soon Chora, Dathan and Abiram began to offer a strange sacrifice, after they were brought out of Egypt by the power of God; and went from the power of God, in which they should have offered, therefore in the power of God keep.

And how soon the children of Israel (when they multiplied and grew numerous) offered out of the life of the Law, and the power of God; then their Sacrifices were like unto the cutting off of a doggs neck, and blessing Iails, therefore keep in the life and power of God. And ye may see Daniels Religion and worship differed from Nebuchadnegars the Emperor of Babylon, and likewise differed from the Caldeans and Persians at yeres times: so differ now from all the Apostates from the Apostles, and Christs life and doctrine, and there is the mystery of Babylon, as the Jews differed from outward Babylon, therefore keep in the power of God, that keeps you in the beginning.

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